

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Mike Milburn, on January 30, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 472 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Mike Milburn, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. JP Pomnichowski, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Tony Belcourt (D)  
Rep. Gerald Bennett (R)  
Rep. Anders Blewett (D)  
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)  
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)  
Rep. Betsy Hands (D)  
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)  
Rep. Tom McGillvray (R)  
Rep. Mike Menahan (D)  
Rep. Scott Mendenhall (R)  
Rep. Mike Miller (R)  
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)  
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)  
Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Shirley Chovanak, Committee Secretary  
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: None

Executive Action: HB 44; HB 139; HJ 7; HB 84; HB 153;  
HJ 1; HB 75

00:00:01 Chairman Milburn

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 44**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:30 Rep. Chas Vincent (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 44, Revise DNRC participation in federal forest management planning.

00:01:50 **Motion:** Rep. Vincent moved amendment on **HB 44 DO PASS.**

**Discussion on Amendment:**

00:03:15 Rep. Pomnichowski

00:03:36 **Vote/Motion:** Motion to amended passed unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Reinhart voted by proxy.

00:03:58 **Vote/Motion:** Rep. Vincent moved **HB 44 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Reinhart voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 139**

00:04:33 **Motion:** Rep. Vincent moved that **HB 139 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:05:15 Rep. Pomnichowski

00:05:59 Mr. Kolman

00:06:07 Rep. Pomnichowski

00:06:25 Chairman Milburn

00:06:46 Mr. Kolman

00:06:57 Rep. Dickenson

00:08:02 Rep. Hands

00:08:23 Rep. Vincent

00:10:12 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Reinhart voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 7**

00:11:58 Rep. Vincent moved **HJ 7 DO PASS.**

00:12:10 Rep. Dickenson moved that **HJ 7 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:13:32 Rep. Vincent

00:15:23 Rep. Pomnichowski

00:15:30 **Vote:** Amendment passed 12-7 by voice vote. Reps. Mendenhall, McGillvray, Miller, Hendrick, Warburton, and Chairman Milburn voted no.

00:17:01 **Motion:** Rep. Vincent moved that **HJ 7 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:17:33 Rep. Hands

00:18:42 Rep. Pomnichowski

00:19:33 Rep. Belcourt

00:19:50 Rep. Vincent

00:24:10 **Vote:** Motion passed as amended by roll call vote 11-7. Reps. Pomnichowski, Van Dyk, Reinhart, Hands, Blewett, Cohenour, and Menahan voted no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 84**

00:24:50 Rep. McGillvray moved that **HB 84 DO PASS.**

Rep. McGillvray moved that **HB 84 BE AMENDED.**

00:27:06 Rep. Cohenour moved to segregate 2nd part of amendment.

**Discussion on First Part of Amendment:**

00:27:14 Chairman Milburn

00:27:29 Rep. Vincent

00:28:30 Rep. McGillvray

00:28:53 Rep. Cohenour

00:29:40 Chairman Milburn

00:29:46 Rep. McGillvray

00:30:00 Rep. Vincent

00:30:06 Rep. Warburton

00:30:41 Chairman Milburn

00:31:34 Rep. Mendenhall

00:33:25 **Motion/Vote:** Motion that **AMENDMENT TO SEGREGATE DO PASS.** Motion failed 13-4 by roll call vote. Reps. Pomnichowski, Cohenour, Dickenson, and Belcourt voted aye.

00:33:41 **Motion/Vote:** Motion that amendment to **HB 84 DO PASS.**  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Reinhart  
voted by proxy.

00:33:52: **Motion/Vote:** Rep. McGillvray moved that **HB 84 AS  
AMENDED DO PASS.** Motion passed 17-1 by voice vote. Rep.  
Cohenour voted no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 153**

00:34:46 **Motion:** Rep. Hands moved that **HB 153 DO PASS.**

00:34:59 **Motion:** Rep. Hands moved that **HB 153 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:37:55 Rep. McGillvray

00:38:16 Rep. Hands

00:39:20 **Vote:** Amendment **PASSED** unanimously by voice vote. Rep.  
Reinhart voted by proxy.

00:39:35 **Motion:** Rep. Hands moved that **HB 153 AS AMENDED DO  
PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:42:53 Rep. Cohenour

00:43:43 Rep. Mendenhall

00:44:46 Rep. Hands

00:40:00 Rep. Mendenhall

00:45:15 Rep. Hands

00:45:51 Rep. Mendenhall

00:46:18 Rep. Hands

00:46:20 Mr. Kolman

00:46:55 Rep. Mendenhall

00:48:01 Rep. Vincent

00:49:09 **Vote:** Motion that **HB 153 AS AMENDED DO PASS** carried  
unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Reinhard voted by  
proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 1**

00:49:39 **Motion.** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HJ 1 DO PASS**

00:49:53 **Motion.** Rep. Vincent moved that **HJ 1 BE AMENDED.**

00:49:59 Rep. Cohenour

00:50:03 Rep. Vincent

**Discussion:**

00:51:39 Rep. Mendenhall

00:52:04 Rep. Vincent

00:52:20 **Vote:** Motion on amendment passed unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Reinhart voted by proxy.

00:52:44 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Cohenour motion that **HJ 1 AS AMENDED DO PASS**. Motion passed 16-2 by voice vote. Reps. McGillvray and Mendenhall voted no. Rep. Reinhart voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 75**

00:53:41 **Motion:** Rep. Van Dyk recommended **DO PASS** on HB 75

00:53:42 **Motion:** Rep. Van Dyk recommended **DO PASS** on amendment.

**Discussion:**

00:55:43 Rep. Vincent

00:55:53 Rep. Van Dyk

00:56:28 Mr. Kolman

00:57:31 Rep. Van Dyk

00:57:35 **Vote:** **AMENDMENT PASSED** unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Reinhart voted by proxy.

00:58:16 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Van Dyk recommended **DO PASS HB 75 AS AMENDED**.

**Discussion:**

00:58:25 Rep. Mendenhall

00:58:46 Rep. Van Dyk

00:58:54 Mr. Kolman

00:58:58 **Vote:** Motion passed 13-5 by voice vote. Reps. Hendrick, Mendenhall, McGillvray, Bennett, and Warburton voted no. Rep. Reinhart voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:01:08 Adjournment

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Shirley Chovanak, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([nah22aad.pdf](#))**